

**Amendments to the Specification**

**Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 3, line 14 with the following amended paragraph:**

The surface-treated steel sheet for a battery case as ~~set forth in claim 1~~in one embodiment is characterized by having a nickel-phosphorus alloy plating layer formed on its surface which will define the inner surface of the battery case.

**Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 3, line 18 with the following amended paragraph:**

The surface-treated steel sheet for a battery case as ~~set forth in claim 2~~in another embodiment is characterized by having a nickel plating layer formed as an under layer and a nickel-phosphorus alloy plating layer formed as a top layer on its surface which will define the inner surface of the battery case.

**Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 3, line 23 with the following amended paragraph:**

The surface-treated steel sheet for a battery case as ~~set forth in claim 3~~in a further embodiment is characterized by having an iron-nickel diffusion layer formed as an under layer and a nickel-phosphorus alloy plating layer formed as a top layer on its surface which will define the inner surface of the battery case.

**Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 4, line 4 with the following amended paragraph:**

The surface-treated steel sheet for a battery case ~~as set forth in claim 4~~in another embodiment is characterized by having an iron-nickel diffusion layer formed as an under layer, a nickel layer formed as an intermediate layer and a nickel-phosphorus alloy plating layer formed as a top layer on its surface which will define the inner surface of the battery case.

**Please replace paragraph [0008] beginning at page 4, line 16 with the following amended paragraph:**

The battery case ~~as set forth in claim 8~~in another embodiment is characterized by having a nickel-phosphorus alloy plating layer formed on its inner surface.

**Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 4, line 19 with the following amended paragraph:**

The battery case ~~as set forth in claim 9~~in a further embodiment is characterized by having a nickel plating layer formed as an under layer and a nickel-phosphorus alloy plating layer formed as a top layer on its inner surface.

**Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 4, line 23 with the following amended paragraph:**

The battery case ~~as set forth in claim 10~~in another embodiment is characterized by having an iron-nickel diffusion layer formed as an under layer

and a nickel-phosphorus alloy plating layer formed as a top layer on its inner surface.

**Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 5, line 2 with the following amended paragraph:**

In another embodiment ~~The battery case as set forth in claim 11 is~~ characterized by having an iron-nickel diffusion layer formed as an under layer, a nickel layer as an intermediate layer and a nickel-phosphorus alloy plating layer formed as a top layer on its inner surface.

**Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 5, line 11 with the following amended paragraph:**

~~The battery case as set forth in claim 14 of still another embodiment~~  
~~is a battery case as set forth in any of claims 8 to 13 as described above and~~  
formed by a deep drawing, DI or DTR method.

**Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 5, line 14 with the following amended paragraph:**

The embodiment of a battery as set forth in claim 15 is characterized by employing a battery case as set forth in any of claims 8 to 14 described above and packing its interior with cathode and anode active materials.